

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the prompt Advisory Action. Claims 1-9, 16-23 and 63-81, and 83-100 are pending. By the foregoing amendment, claims 81, 83-87, and 95 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer toward pursuit of these claims in a subsequent, related application. Claim 98 is amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claim 95 has been canceled. Claim 98 is now amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 Over the '186 Patent in View of McElroy

Claims 81-87 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over WO 99/00186 in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,876,162 to McElroy.

These claims have been canceled.

Conclusion

As indicated on page 2 of the Advisory Action, with the above amendment, the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or would like to speak to Applicants' representative, the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicants' attorney at the number provided below.

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